

FORD THEATER checklist

I became interested in the Ford Theater when I heard the ten shows that Marc Brown discovered and dubbed for trading. I was struck by the over-all quality of the acting and direction. The actors were chosen for ability on the air and voice contrast rather than name alone. Their programs are among the best in radio.

The series ran only two years; Sunday afternoon on N.B.C. for the 1947-'48 season and Friday evenings for the 1948-'49 season on C.B.S. They intended to offer as many original scripts as they could but the N.Y. Times noted that they were getting only a very few of the quality they wanted. As far as I could find out the only original scripts were for 11-9-47 and 12-28-47. With the beginning of the second season there were major changes in the series. The policy of using radio actors gave way to name guest stars and Fletcher Markle became producer and appeared in some of the plays. During this second season there was also a Ford Theater once a month on TV.

Incidentally, there is a program called Secret Agent with Douglas Fairbanks circulating without opening or close or other identification. It is sometimes called a Studio One (probably because of the appearance of Markle in both series) and sometimes a Theater Guild but, as, can be seen here, it was a Ford Theater from 11-26-48.

The first show received a bad review from the N.Y. Times because they did not like the script adaptation but the actors and over-all production were rated highly. Where I list no casts the reason is that the Times did not include that information.

1947; Sunday afternoon; N.B.C.; 5:00 PM on east coast

Oct. 5- A Conn. Yankee in King Arthur's Court; K. Swenson and
Mason Adams

- " 12- The Great McGinty
- " 19- On Borrowed Time
- " 26- A Coffin for Dimetrios; W. Holmes

Nov. 2- Ah, Wilderness; E. Dressler, Anne Seymour

" 9- The Power & the Glory; L. Damon, V. Vola

✓ " 16- Carmen Jones; Muriel Smith

" 23- Geo. Washington Slept Here; K. Swenson, C. Morgan

" 30- Dangerous Corner; S. Cotsworth, A. Seymour, V. Vola

Dec. 7- We Hold These Truths; M. Adams, W. Holmes

" 14- Cimarron; Gary Merrill, Barb. Weeks

" 21- Man Who Played God; S. Ortega, A. Seymour

" 28- Father, Dear Father; E. Jerome, Fran Carden (sic)

1948:

✓ Jan. 4- Adventures of the Bad Boy; S. Ortega, H. Marlowe

✓ " 11- Storm in a Teacup; L. Tremayne, W. Holmes

✓ " 18- Crazy Girl; L. Douglas, Ted DiCorsia

" 25- Arsenic & Old Lace; J. Hull, J. Adair

✓ Feb. 1- Green Pastures; J. Hernandez, M. Ellis

" 8- Abe Lincoln in Ill.; K. Swenson, M. Kirkland

" 15- Abe. Lincoln in Wash. " " " "

" 22- The Bishop Misbehaves

" 29- Count of Monte Cristo; L. Gilbert

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- March 7- Twentyth Century; A. Moss, Barb. Weeks
 " 14- Autumn Crocus
 " 21- It's a Gift
 " 28- The Informer; Paul Douglas, Uha O'Conner
 Dec. 4- The Goose Hangs High
 " 11- Murder of Roger Ackroyd; H. Huber
 " 18- The Silver Cord; E. Varden, L. Tremayne
 " 25- Personal Appearance; A. Francis, G. Merrill
 May 2- Alice Adams
 " 9- Front Page; E. Sloane, Ed Begley
 " 16- Counselor at Law; L. Tremayne, L. Gilbert
 " 23- A Star Is Born; E. Ross; J. Mehan
 " 30- Laura; Va. Gilmore, J. J. Larkin
 June 6- Michael & Mary; L. Adler
 " 13- My Sister Eileen; S. Booth, Va. Gilmore
 " 20- The Late Christopher Bean; Barb. Weeks
 " 27- Arrowsmith; L. Gilbert

off the air until 10-8-48; Friday on C.B.S. at 9:00 PM on east

- Oct. 8- Madam Bovary; C. Rains, M. Dietrich, Van Heflin
 " 15- Double Indemnity; B. Lancaster, J. Bennett
 " 22- Tom, Dick & Harry; L. Ball, E. Albert
 " 29- Of Human Bondage; R. Milland, J. Loring
 Nov. 5- The Damask Cheek; D. McGuire
 " 12- Camille; I. Bergman
 " 19- The Male Animal; E. Albert, B. Bel Geddes
 " 26- Secret Agent; D. Fairbanks, Jr.
 Dec. 3- The Big Street; L. Ball, J. Garfield
 " 10- Page Miss Glory; J. Blondell, M. Carey
 " 17- The Gentle People; Gene Kelly
 " 24- Pilgrim's Inn; G. Fitzgerald
 " 31- DB Becky Sharp; M. Hopkins

1949:

- Jan. 7- Talk of the Town; R. Colman, Jean Arthur
 " 14- Boomerang; D. Andrews
 " 21- Anna Christie; I. Bergman, Brod. Crawford
 " 28- Woman in the Window; E.G. Robinson; L. Darnell
 Feb. 4- No Time for Love; C. Colbert, E. Albert, V. Price
 " 11- The Awful Truth; B. Hope
 " 18- Shadow of a Doubt; R. Milland, A. Blythe
 " 25- Palm Beach Story; A. Baxter, M. Carey
 March 4- Horn Blows at Midnight; J. Benny, C. Rains
 " 11- Welcome, Stranger; B. Crosby, A. Blythe, B. Fitzgerald
 " 18- Holy Matrimony; C. Laughton
 " 25- The Show Off; Dan Dailey
 April 1- Wuthering Heights; Mont. Clift
 " 8- Lightnin'; W. Huston
 " 15- Elmer, the Great; Paul Douglas
 " 22- Skylark; Bette Davis
 " 29- Intermezzo; F. March
 May 6- Ladies in Retirement; I. Lupino
 " 13- Alice Adams; D. McGuire
 " 20- Crime Without Passion; C. Rains, Margo
 " 27- To Mary, With Love; B. Meredith
 June 3- Haunted Honeymoon; D. Fairbanks, Jr.
 " 10 - Craig's Wife; R. Hussey

June 17- Peg O'My
 Heart; A. Blythe
 June 24- A Fare-
 well to Arms;
 H. Hayes
 July 1- Cluny
 Brown.

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